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NEWS RELEASE

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On February 25, 2006, at approximately 9:35pm, San Antonio Police were called to 5518 Culebra #223 for a report of a gunshot being fired into apt. #221. When officer's arrived, they determined that a gunshot was in fact fired into the complainant's apartment and also determined that the shot came from the direction of the next door apartment, which is #223. Several officers approached apt #223 and as they knocked on the apartment door, they heard someone yell for them to leave and then heard a shot fired from inside apt. #223. Those responding officers quickly retreated and called for SAPD negotiators and the SAPD SWAT team.

Police negotiators were able to make contact, via the telephone, with a male inside #223, who identified himself as the below suspect. The suspect told the negotiators that he was the estranged husband of the female occupant of the apartment and that he came over to the apartment and shot and killed his estranged wife's current boyfriend. The suspect continued to tell negotiators that the boyfriend's body was still in the apartment and that he was holding his estranged wife hostage.

Several hours into the negotiation, the suspect dragged the boyfriend's body out of the apartment and left the body by the apartment doorway. The body was able to be retrieved and it was then determined that the boyfriend was in fact shot and deceased.

Negotiations continued for several more hours until the suspect told negotiators that he was coming out with his estranged wife. The suspect had threatened to commit suicide several times during the negotiations and a major concern was the suspect taking his estranged wife's life before committing suicide.

As the suspect exited the apartment, SWAT officers reported that he had his estranged wife handcuffed to one arm and a gun pointed to his head with the other arm. The suspect was ordered several times to drop his weapon, but instead made a movement with the gun towards the estranged wife. SWAT officers Joe Obregon, a 16 year veteran, and Officer Guillermo Cantu, also a 16-year veteran, fired several shots towards the suspect. The suspect was subsequently hit by the gunfire



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and fell to the ground with his estranged wife still handcuffed to his arm. The suspect died at the scene and the estranged wife was released and treated for several injuries to her face, which were sustained by the suspect's assault.

The identity of the boyfriend and estranged wife will be released once their next of kin are notified. The suspect's gun has been recovered and will be processed as evidence.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief Albert A. Ortiz and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Obregon and Officer Cantu will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

SUSPECT: Raspberry, Nugent B/M 03-26-62, 7847 Sarepto, SA Tx

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